

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claim 4 is amended. Support for the changes to the claim is self-evident from the originally filed disclosure, including the original claims, and therefore no new matter is added.

Initially, Applicants express thanks for the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 and 4-10.

Applicants further express thanks for the Examiner's indication that claims 2 and 3 will be allowed when amended to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. It is submitted that the rejection is overcome for the following reasons.

Claims 2 and 3 recite "separation of the oily fraction by at least one of the removing of the liquid phase and the expansion and the heating of the liquid phase." This is consistent with the description from page 4, line 10 to page 5, line 5, of the originally filed specification. For these reasons, it is requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn, and claims 2 and 3 be allowed.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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